Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Mignon Lenore Hanson was born on September 25, 1912, in Kidder, South Dakota, to Peter and Mathilda Hanson; and,

Whereas, Mignon graduated as Valedictorian of Pierpont High School at Pierpont, South Dakota, at the age of 16. She worked at the family's Farmers General Store where many of life's lessons were learned during the depression; and,

Whereas, Mignon attended Nettleton College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and upon graduation, she worked for International Harvester; and,

Whereas, Mignon married Maurice Sommers in August of 1938, giving life and love to two children, Susan and Judy. Her life was further blessed with four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Mignon was a steady volunteer for First Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls for over 50 years, working in the church office until she was 90 years old, and was a founding member of the First Lutheran Media Ministry Program; and,

Whereas, Mignon still lives independently in her own home and is a wonderful example to everyone with her happy, positive, and independent spirit. She will observe her 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her family and friends gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 25, 2012, as

MIGNON SOMMERS DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State